

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-18. (Canceled).

19. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an avatar at a called party, the method comprising:

displaying the avatar at a mobile phone of the called party, the avatar including a plurality of joints, each joint corresponding to a different inputted key of a mobile phone of a calling party;

receiving a signal for controlling the avatar based on an inputted one of the keys, wherein the received signal is transmitted from [[a]]the mobile phone of the calling party to the called party, the received signal based on the inputted one of the keys corresponding to one of the joints of the avatar; and

controlling at least one joint of the displayed avatar in accordance with the received signal.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the avatar is transmitted from the mobile phone over a network.

21-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, further comprising displaying the avatar on the mobile phone of the calling party and controlling the displayed avatar equally at the mobile phone of the calling party and the mobile phone of the called party.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the signal comprises an identifier number for identifying the avatar being controlled.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the identifier number has at least one cipher.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the signal is transmitted via a wired network or a wireless network.

28-29. (Canceled)

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30. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a receiver, at a mobile phone of a called party, for receiving signals for controlling an avatar having a plurality of joints, wherein the signals are transmitted from a mobile phone of a calling party based on inputted keys of a key pad of the mobile phone of the calling party, each inputted key corresponding to a different joint of the avatar;

a display for displaying the avatar at the mobile phone of the called party; and

a controller for controlling different states of the displayed avatar at the mobile phone of the called party in accordance with the received signals, wherein the controller controls the different states by controlling the joints of the avatar corresponding to the inputted keys of the mobile phone of the calling party.

31. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the avatar is transmitted from the mobile phone over a network.

32-35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the signal comprises an identifier number for identifying the avatar being controlled.

37. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the identifier number has at least one cipher.

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38. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the signal is transmitted via a wired network or a wireless network.

39-40. (Canceled)

41. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an avatar displayed at a mobile phone of a called party using a mobile phone of a calling party, the method comprising:

displaying the avatar on the mobile phone, wherein the avatar has a plurality of joints each corresponding to a different one of a plurality of keys;

generating a signal, based on an inputted one of the keys, for controlling ~~at least one the corresponding~~ joint of the avatar displayed at the called party and displayed on the mobile phone; and

transmitting the signal to the called party via a network.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, further comprising changing a communication mode to a control mode.

43-45. (Canceled)

46. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein the avatar is displayed equally at the mobile phone of the calling party and at the mobile phone of the called party.

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47. (Canceled)

48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the signal comprises an identifier number for identifying the avatar being controlled.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48, wherein the identifier number has at least one cipher.

50. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein the signal is transmitted via a wired network or a wireless network.

51-52. (Canceled)

53. (Currently Amended) A mobile phone of a calling party for controlling an avatar displayed at a mobile phone of a called party, the mobile phone comprising:

a display for displaying the avatar at the mobile phone of the calling party;

a key pad having a plurality of keys each corresponding to a different joint of the avatar;

a controller for generating a signal for controlling the avatar displayed at the mobile phone of the called party based on a selected one of the keys of the key pad and the

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controller for controlling the avatar displayed at the mobile phone of the calling party by changing ~~[[a]]~~the specific joint of the avatar corresponding to the selected key; and
a transmitter for transmitting the signal from the mobile phone of the calling party to the mobile phone of the called party via a network.

54-56. (Canceled)

57. (Currently Amended) The mobile phone of claim 53, wherein the avatar is displayed equally at the mobile phone of the calling party and at the mobile phone of the called party.

58. (Canceled)

59. (Previously Presented) The mobile phone of claim 53, wherein the signal comprises an identifier number for identifying the avatar being controlled.

60. (Previously Presented) The mobile phone of claim 59, wherein the identifier number has at least one cipher.

61. (Currently Amended) The mobile phone of claim 53, wherein the transmitter transmits the signal to the called party via a wired network or a wireless network.

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62-63. (Canceled)

64. (Currently Amended) A communication system comprising:

a mobile phone of a calling party for generating signals for controlling joints of an avatar and transmitting the generated signals, the mobile phone including a plurality of keys each corresponding to a different joint of the avatar, wherein the generated signals relate to selected keys that correspond to specific joints of the avatar;

a mobile phone of a called party for receiving the signals transmitted from the mobile phone of the calling party and displaying the avatar in a plurality of different states based on the received signals, wherein each of the states includes a different arrangement of the joints of the avatar based on the selected keys of the mobile phone of the calling party; and

a network configured to connect the mobile phone to the called party.

65. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an avatar, the method comprising:

generating signals to control the avatar at a mobile phone by selecting different keys of the mobile phone of a calling party, wherein the avatar includes a plurality of joints and ~~the generated signals are related~~ each key of the mobile phone corresponds to a different joint of the avatar;

transmitting the signals via a network;

receiving the signals at a called party; and

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displaying the avatar in different representations at the called party based on the received signals, wherein each of the representations includes a different arrangement of the joints of the avatar.

66. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, further comprising displaying the avatar in different representatives at the mobile phone.

67. (Canceled)

68. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein controlling at least one joint of the displayed avatar includes controlling an expression of the displayed avatar.

69. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein controlling at least one joint of the displayed avatar includes controlling actions of the displayed avatar.

70. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, further comprising:
receiving another signal from the mobile phone of the calling party based on another inputted one of the keys, the received another signal based on the another inputted one of the keys corresponding to another one of the joints of the avatar; and
controlling the another joint of the displayed avatar based on the received another signal.

71. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the received signals correspond to ~~inputs~~input keys from the mobile phone of the calling party.

72. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the controller controls an expression of the displayed avatar in accordance with the received signals and by controlling at least one joint of the avatar.

73. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the controller controls actions of the displayed avatar in accordance with the received signal and by controlling at least one joint of the avatar.

74. (Canceled)

75. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an avatar at a mobile phone of a called party, the method comprising:

receiving a signal for controlling a joint of the avatar, wherein the received signal is transmitted from a mobile phone of a calling party to the mobile phone of the called party; and

displaying the avatar controlled in accordance with the received signal at the mobile phone of the called party based on selection of a key from the mobile phone, the received signal corresponding to both the joint and the key,

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wherein the avatar being controlled at the mobile phone of the called party is the same as in the mobile phone of the calling party, wherein the avatar of the mobile phone of the calling party is equally controlled and displayed corresponding to an input signal generated by a user of the mobile phone of the calling party.

76. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an avatar at a mobile phone of a called party, the method comprising:

receiving a signal for controlling the avatar based on a specific key pad selection of the mobile phone of the calling party, wherein the received signal is transmitted from ~~[[a]]~~the mobile phone of the calling party to the mobile phone of the called party;

controlling the avatar in accordance with the received signal; and

displaying the controlled avatar at the mobile phone of the called party,

wherein the avatar being controlled at the mobile phone of the called party is the same as in the mobile phone of the calling party, wherein the avatar of the mobile phone of the calling party is equally controlled and displayed corresponding to an input signal generated by a user of the mobile phone of the calling party.

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77. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an avatar stored in a mobile phone of a called party using a mobile phone of a calling party, the method comprising:

selecting the avatar being controlled using the mobile phone of the calling party;

generating a signal for controlling the selected avatar, wherein the generated signal is based on a specific key of the mobile phone of the calling party and a corresponding joint of the avatar; and

transmitting the signal to the mobile phone of the called party via a network,

wherein the avatar being controlled at the mobile phone of the called party is the same as in the mobile phone of the calling party, wherein the avatar of the mobile phone of the calling party is controlled and displayed corresponding to the generated signal.

78. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an avatar stored in a mobile phone of a called party using a mobile phone of a calling party, the method comprising:

selecting the avatar being controlled using the mobile phone of the calling party;

displaying the selected avatar on the mobile phone of the calling party;

generating a signal for controlling the displayed avatar, wherein the generated signal is based on a specific key of the mobile phone of the calling party and a corresponding joint of the avatar; and

transmitting the signal to control the displayed avatar to the mobile phone of the called party via a network,

wherein the avatar being controlled at the mobile phone of the called party is the same as in the mobile phone of the calling party, wherein the avatar of the mobile phone of the calling party is equally controlled and displayed corresponding to the generated signal.

79. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the avatar being controlled at the mobile phone of the called party is the same as in the mobile phone of the calling party.

80. (Currently Amended) The communication system of claim 64, wherein the avatar being controlled at the mobile phone of the called party is the same as in the mobile phone of the calling party.

81. (Currently Amended) The communication system of claim 65, wherein the avatar being controlled at the mobile phone of the called party is the same as in the mobile phone of the calling party.

82. (New) A method of controlling an avatar at a mobile phone of a called party, the method comprising:

receiving a special number from a mobile phone of a calling party, wherein the special number represents an identified number for controlling the avatar;

displaying the avatar at the mobile phone of the called party, the avatar including a plurality of joints;

receiving a signal for controlling the avatar from the mobile phone of the calling party, the received signal corresponding to one of the joints of the avatar; and

controlling at least one joint of the displayed avatar in accordance with the received signal.

83. (New) A mobile phone comprising:

a receiver for receiving a special number from a mobile phone of a calling party and for receiving signals for controlling an avatar having a plurality of joints, wherein the special number represents an identified number for controlling the avatar, and wherein the signals are transmitted from the mobile phone of the calling party;

a display for displaying the avatar; and

a controller for controlling different states of the displayed avatar in accordance with the received signals, wherein the controller controls the different states by controlling the joints of the avatar.

84. (New) A method of controlling an avatar displayed at a mobile phone of a called party using a mobile phone of a calling party, the method comprising:

pressing a phone number of the mobile phone of the called party;

pressing a special number, wherein the special number represents an identifier number for controlling the avatar;

displaying the avatar on a display of the mobile phone of the calling party, wherein the avatar has a plurality of joints;

generating a signal for controlling at least one joint of the avatar by pressing at least one of a plurality of key buttons; and

transmitting the signal to the mobile phone of the called party via a network.

85. (New) A mobile phone of a calling party for controlling an avatar displayed at a mobile phone of a called party, the mobile phone of the calling party comprising:

key buttons;

a display for displaying the avatar at the mobile phone of the calling party;

a controller for generating a special signal based on a special number input through the key buttons and for generating a control signal for controlling the avatar displayed at the called party, wherein the special number represents an identifier number for controlling the avatar, wherein the avatar includes a plurality of joints and the control signal corresponds to one of the joints of the avatar; and

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a transmitter for transmitting the special signal and the control signal to the mobile phone of the called party via a network.